REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification and claims to put them in more proper U.S. format.

Applicants are also preparing an Information Disclosure Statement and will submit it in the very near future. It is respectfully requested that no further action be issued on this action until this IDS has been entered and considered.

If any further fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 16, 2004

Mark J. Murphy

Registration No. 34,225

COOK, ALEX, McFARRON, MANZO, CUMMINGS & MEHLER, LTD. 200 West Adams Street, Suite 2850 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 236-8500